

SENATE BILL 1770
By Rochelle

AN ACT to authorize the collection of court costs for criminal and traffic offenses arising within Wilson County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Wilson County Traffic Regulation Cost Act".

SECTION 2. It is the intent and purpose of this act to require and authorize the collection of a special court cost for each summons, warrant, citation, presentment or indictment which is filed and heard with the Criminal Court of Wilson County, Tennessee, or the General Sessions Court of Wilson County, Tennessee, and which involves conduct or events occurring within Wilson County but outside the city limits of Lebanon, Mt. Juliet and Watertown, Tennessee, that lead to the filing of charges for a criminal and/or traffic offense, and which involves prosecution by a county officer.

SECTION 3. The special court cost authorized under this act is ten dollars (\$10.00) and shall be charged and collected over and above other authorized court costs by the clerk of the Criminal Court of Wilson County, Tennessee, and the clerk of the General Sessions Court of Wilson County, Tennessee, as provided herein.

SECTION 4. The court cost funds shall be collected by the clerks for all criminal and/or traffic violations which are prosecuted by county officers in Wilson County, Tennessee, and which involve offenses arising from conduct occurring within Wilson County but outside the city limits of Lebanon, Mt. Juliet and Watertown, Tennessee.

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SECTION 5. The funds collected from this special court cost by the clerks shall be transferred to the Wilson County Trustee on a monthly basis, and the trustee shall establish a special fund to allow such monies to be used by Wilson County, Tennessee, for traffic regulation and enforcement.

SECTION 6. All funds collected under the provisions of this act shall be used for the purpose of traffic regulation and enforcement within Wilson County but outside the city limits of Lebanon, Mt. Juliet and Watertown, Tennessee.

SECTION 7. The provisions of this act shall in no manner repeal, modify or interfere with the requirements to collect court costs under any other public or private laws applicable to Wilson County, Lebanon, Mt. Juliet, and Watertown, Tennessee.

SECTION 8. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 9. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of Wilson County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body of Wilson County and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 10. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 9.